MONUMENT TO THE LATE DR. SKAE.

A handsome granite monument has recently been erected in the Grange Cemetery, Edinburgh, to Dr. Skae by his old Assistants. It is in the form of a sculptured Celtic Cross on a massive pedestal, is made of grey Aberdeen granite polished, and has the following inscription:—"DAVID SKAE, M.D., born 5th July, 1814; died 18th April, 1873. For twenty-seven years Physician-Superintendent of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum at Morningside. Erected to his memory by those whom, receiving as Medical Assistants, he parted from as life-long friends. 'How good! How kind! And he is gone.'"—*In Memoriam.*

Correspondence.

To the Editors of the Journal of Mental Science.

GENTLEMEN,—Will you allow me, through the medium of the "Journal of Mental Science," to ask for information from Medical Superintendents of Asylums upon the following point:—What is their experience as to the mortality in epilepsy, *as* epilepsy?—that is, excluding accidents incidental to the seizures, such as suffocation from the prone position, or impaction of food during meal times.

In my experience I have known three out of a total of forty epileptics to die—one from exhaustion consequent on repeated fits (56 in twenty-four hours), and two from arrest of respiration in rapidly recurring and very severe fits. The able Superintendent of Broadmoor in his last report records two deaths (out of a total of 18) from epileptic seizures.

I should be glad to obtain further information on the subject.

I beg to remain, &c.,

FREDERICK MACCABE, L.K., and Q.C.P., &c.

State Criminal Asylum, Dundrum, co. Dublin,
10th September, 1875.

Appointments.

BLACKALL, J. J., M.D., C.M., has been appointed Assistant to the Medical Superintendent of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, Dublin, vice Petit, appointed Resident Medical Superintendent of the Donegal Lunatic Asylum, Letterkenny.

CALLCOTT, J. T., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Durham County Lunatic Asylum, Sedgefield.

COOKE, E. M., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer and Deputy Superintendent to the Worcester County and City Lunatic Asylum, Powick, vice Gowan, appointed Medical Superintendent of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, Canada.

HARRISON, H. B., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Metropolitan District Asylum for Imbeciles, Caterham.

HICKSON, A. T., M.B., L.R.C.S.I., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Lancashire Lunatic Asylum, Rainhill, vice De Denne, resigned.

ISAAC, J. B., L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, vice Davies, appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer to the Kent Lunatic Asylum, Barming-heath.

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